

WHO MUST HAVE A PERMIT TO PLOW SNOW: Those persons engaged in plowing any snow or ice on a public way as defined in the Town of Rumford Ordinances. Examples of vehicles used for this purpose are pick-up trucks with plow and frame, bucket loaders and dump trucks. Persons engaged in plowing shall submit a list of their customers upon applying for a written permit along with street address where the plowing will be done. The names of any new customers shall be added as needed.

TOWN OF RUMFORD, ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 16, SECTION 2, SNOW AND ICE: It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to make or cause to be made any excavation within the limits of a public highway, or to deposit or cause to be deposited within the limits of a public highway or sidewalk, any material excepting garbage and refuse on the days set by the Town for collection, placed in metal or other suitable containers for collection, without first obtaining a written permit therefore from the Board of Selectpersons. Such permits shall be issued by the Town Manager.

Section 2a: SNOW AND ICE. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or those in plowing for hire or their agents to deposit snow and ice upon any public way or rights of way which obstructs or interferes with the free passage of foot or vehicular traffic. It shall be unlawful to deposit snow and ice within a three foot radius of any fire hydrant or fire alarm system call box. Public Way Defined. As used in this section “public ways” shall mean any public street, road, sidewalk or private way laid out under authority of statute, ways dedicated to public use, ways upon which the public has access, ways under control of Rumford Public Works Department or anybody having like powers.

Section 3: WRITTEN PERMIT and DECAL REQUIRED. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or those plowing for hire to plow across any public way or deposit snow and ice adjacent to rights of way within the Town without first obtaining a written permit and or decal for snow removal equipment. At no time shall any written permit allow the placing of snow or ice upon any public way. Issued permits shall describe in detail any rights or restriction applying to individual permits and shall be issued by the Town Manager. The fees for written permits shall be established by the Selectpersons in the Schedule of License, Permit and Application Fees.

Section 4: ENFORCEMENT. Any violation of this chapter by any person engaged in obstructing, depositing or plowing without a written permit shall be subject to an initial written warning by the Code Enforcement Officer or a police officer and shall upon demand remove such obstructions and deposits. Failure to remove upon demand or a violation after a written warning shall be a civil violation and subject to the fines and penalties in Chapter 26. In addition to any fine imposed, the cost of removal of the obstruction or deposit shall be added to the judgment.

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RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR PLOWING: In the issuance of any written permits, vehicles and their operators or owners must comply with all current State of Maine Statutes as it relates to Operators Licenses, Vehicle Registrations, use of Special Lights and any other motor vehicle laws which are enforceable by police officers.

SPECIAL LIGHTS DEFINED: State of Maine, Title 29-A, Section 2054(4). “A vehicle equipped and used for plowing snow on other than public ways may be equipped with an auxiliary rotary flashing light that must be mounted on top of the vehicle in such a manner as to emit an amber beam of light over a 360 degree angle, or an amber strobe, or combination of strobes, that emits a minimum beam of 50 candlepower and provides visible light coverage over a 360 degree range. The light may be in use on a public way only when the vehicle is entering the public way in the course of plowing private driveways and other off-highway locations.” **NOTE: Special or warning lights are to be used only while engaged in plowing and not to be used at any other times.**

RESTRICTIONS: Snow and Ice may not be plowed or pushed into a public way if:

- a. such plowing of snow or ice reduces the width of the way;
- b. snow and ice tracings are left upon the roadway presenting a hazard to other motorists;
- c. deposited snow is piled and obstructs a motorists view of any intersection or on-coming traffic;
- d. deposited snow blocks sidewalks, driveways or other accesses used by the general public (pedestrians or vehicles);
- e. snow plowed or deposited in such a manner as to interfere or block property belonging to another;
- f. deposited snow blocks Catch Basins and prevents proper run off of melting snow;
- g. plowing causes unnecessary or additional plowing or clean-up at taxpayer expense (plowing or clean-up by Public Works a second time).

Those persons who may use manual or mechanical means, by use of snow shovels, snow scoops, snow blowers, or other snow removal devices, who deposit snow or ice on any public way, are subject to the provisions of Chapter 16, Section 2.